

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Applicants :

Mark C. Schmidt et al.

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AUTOMATICALLY-ACTIVATED HAND-SUPPORTABLE 2-D BAR CODE SYMBOL READING SYSTEM EMPLOYING A LINEAR LASER SCANNING PATTERN GENERATOR, AN AUTOMATIC BAR CODE SYMBOL DATA DETECTOR,

AUDIBLE DATA CAPTURE FEEDBACK GENERATOR,
AND A MANUALLY-ACTIVATED DATA TRANSMISSION

ACTIVATION SWITCH

Examiner

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 312(a)

SIR:

Prior to payment of Issue Fee in the present Application, please amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 93-96 as follows:

Claims 1-92 (canceled)

Claim 93 (currently amended): An automatically-activated laser scanning 2D bar code symbol reading system for use in a work environment, said automatically-activated laser scanning 2D bar code symbol reading system comprising:

- (A) a hand-supportable 2D bar code symbol reader in two-way communication with a base station operably connected to a host system, and having a bar code reading mode of operation and a data transmission mode of operation, said hand-supportable 2D bar code symbol reader including
 - (1) a hand-supportable housing;